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EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, 2400 South Flower, and formerly a resident of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) photo taken December 16, 1965, NK 59621, of RAY FERNANDEZ SESMA was identical to the person PENDLETON knew as RAY SELMA (phonetic).

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had stayed at his room in the St. Francis Hotel off and on during the first part of 1968. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had poor health and drank very heavily and for this reason PENDLETON had told SESMA not to stay at his room. PENDLETON advised that this was about the first week of April. PENDLETON stated that he had not seen SESMA since that date.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA was a drifter and wino. He also advised that he had never known SESMA to have a room or apartment of his own and usually would congregate with other winos when ever he (SESMA) could find them. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had once suggested that they live in a place on Serrano Street. PENDLETON thought that this place was in the 1600 block of Serrano and got the impression that numerous heavy drinkers stayed there.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had mentioned about getting a job as a cook but further advised that SESMA had never held a job while he knew him. PENDLETON advised that if he heard from SESMA he would immediately advise the FBI.

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PAUL MC KAY, Night Clerk, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MC KAY stated that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of RAY FERNANDELL. He stated that there are no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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GIL MARTIN, Owner, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MARTIN stated that RAY FERNANDELL is unknown to him. He stated that he does not employ anyone by that name at the Sultan Room and that he does not employ any fry cooks. He advised that there were no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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JAMES E. MORRISON, 1911 Grace Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he knew of a middle-aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA". He said that he did. He said this individual had been excluded from the Rabbit's Foot Club. He said that she frequents the Greek Village, a restaurant near Hollywood and Vine, in Hollywood, California. He said that he believes that she used to dance at that location and also the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard.

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HARRY STREEM, Owner, Vegas Club, 5510 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked in reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, if he knew of a middle age belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA" and/or a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". STREEM said that he believed he knew of "HELENA". He said if his memory is correct, she used to dance at a night club that specializes in eastern dancing, located on the south side of Sunset Boulevard between La Brea and Fairfax Avenues. He advised that he did not know of any Caucasian female named "JERI", in reference to RAY, also known as, Galt.

He stated that his last bar girl at the Vegas Club was DANA RAVEN, who was recently arrested, approximately two weeks ago. He said prior to arrest she only worked for a few weeks. He described her as a slender, dark Caucasian, female.

STREEM stated that prior to the employment of RAVEN, he employed Barbara (Last Name Unknown), a buxom, blond, Caucasian, female. He said that BARBARA was employed by him for in excess of a year prior to the termination of her employment. STREEM said that subsequent to her employment at the Vegas Club, he thought she was employed at the "Fat Cat" located on Western Avenue.

STREEM stated that LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, and an unknown Caucasian male with a beard, were in the Vegas Club the same day asking if he knew of "JERI" and "HELENA". He said that he provided to them essentially the same information.

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HARRY WEINER, Owner, The Fat Club, 1516 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he had recently employed a buxom blond, Caucasian, female named BARBARA (Last Name Unknown). He advised that he had employed no such woman. WEINER was asked if he knew of a middle aged belly dancer named "HELENA". He said that he had and that to his knowledge she worked at the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. WEINER was asked if he knew a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI", that was also a street hustler. He said that he knew of no such woman.

WEINER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that this individual is not familiar to him.

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JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked of his knowledge of a middle aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA", who was allegedly asked for a date by RAY. He stated that he had been asked the same question by LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, that same day. He thought he knew of such a woman. He said he did not know the location of her residence nor her last name. PETERS stated that she was just an occasional drifter that frequented the bar.

PETERS was asked if he knew of a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". PETERS said he knew of no such woman.

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MIKE BADALIAN, Manager, Seventh Veil, 7180 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has in his employment a HELENA VLAHOS. He said that she is a belly dancer and of Greek descent. He advised that she is presently living at apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California. He stated that her present telephone number is 665-6846. He stated that she is living with her sister.

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HELENA VLAHOS, apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that these photographs are unfamiliar to her. She stated that she knows of no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that she has worked at the Seventh Veil steadily since January 1968. She advised that she worked at the Seventh Veil during June, July, and August of 1967. She said that during September, October, November, and December she was working at the "Arabian Nights", a night club in Fresno, California.

VLAHOS said that she does not go to any bars and night clubs east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She said to her recollection she has never been to the Sultan Room at the St. Francis Hotel.

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MARIA VLAHOS, apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Hollywood, California, stated she was the sister of HELENA VLAHOS. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the individual in these photographs is familiar to her. She said that she remembers this individual coming into the Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. She said that she works at the Fez as a cocktail waitress and dancer. VLAHOS stated that this individual is familiar to her because of the strange way in which he came into the Fez, walked about and then left. This is unusual for the type of clientele that frequents this night club. She stated that she knows of no other information concerning this individual.

VLAHOS stated that she does not frequent bars east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She stated that to the best of her knowledge she has never been to the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

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MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN, was interviewed at her residence, 5545 Carlton Way, apartment 202, Los Angeles, at which time she furnished the following information:

When asked if she was acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT, JAMES EARL RAY, CHARLES J. or CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, or MARIE MARTIN, who is also known as Marie Dennino and Marie Martinello, she replied that she was not acquainted with any of these individuals. When asked if she was acquainted with a JERI or HELEN, she replied that she was not acquainted with a JERI, but did know a HELEN, whose last name she could not recall, who was a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap" on Valley Boulevard, Industry, California, at the same time as O'BRIEN. She added that HELEN had formerly been employed as a topless dancer at "The Stairway", 6274 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, prior to her employment as a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap". She stated that HELEN resided on Russell Avenue, Los Angeles, exact address unknown, but in the vicinity of Western Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. HELEN was described by O'BRIEN as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	22-23 years
Height	5'3"
Eyes	Blue
Build	Busty, well built, and aspiring to become an actress
Hair	Brunette, wears blonde wig

O'BRIEN advised she knew of no reason why her telephone number, 461-2050, would be written in a telephone booth in the St. Francis Hotel. She related she had never been in the St. Francis Hotel or the Sultan Room, nor did she know anyone residing at the St. Francis Hotel. She related that she was a topless dancer and many of the patrons who come to watch her dance get her name. They thereafter obtained her telephone number from the telephone book or telephone operator as her number is published. She stated she had been told that

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her name and telephone number was even written in the men's restroom at the places where she had danced topless. She commented she had danced topless in various places in the Los Angeles area until she terminated her last place of employment the past Saturday, April 20, 1968. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she could not recognize the individual depicted in the photographs. She further added that she could not recognize JAMES EARL RAY as an individual who patronized the places where she danced. O'BRIEN stated she did not know anyone who drove a white Mustang with Alabama license plates.

O'BRIEN advised that for a period of about four months ending February 1967, she received a series of telephone calls at her residence which is the number listed above. Each call was placed at approximately 2 a.m. She advised the caller was a male, who she believed to be in his twenties. The caller would ask to meet her. She refused on every occasion and, therefore, did not learn the caller's name or the location from which he was calling. O'BRIEN stated she had notified the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, but telephone calls ceased before any action could be taken.

O'BRIEN advised she had been living with a roommate, MARTIN VILLAIRE, during the past two years and he may have had an acquaintance at the St. Francis Hotel, who placed her telephone number on the wall.

The following description of O'BRIEN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Dark brown, worn long
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2"
Weight	120 pounds
Age	24 years
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Los Angeles, California
Education	Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital 9th, 10th, and 11th grade - The Old Mission of San Gabriel 12th grade - graduated Azusa High School, 1960
Relatives	HARRY VICTOR O'BRIEN, deceased 1962

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Prior admitted	Mother, MARGARET ROSE O'HALLERN
Arrests	deceased at MELODY O'BRIEN's birth Sister, SHARON O'BRIEN deceased at City of Hope, Duarte, California from Leukemia "Runaway" from San Gabriel Orphanage, Arrested for indecent exposure and lewd dancing - Norwalk, California, and placed on probation-one year summary, drunk driving.
Scars	$\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on lip 1" traceotomy scar, center of throat result of auto accident, teeth also had to be removed as result of accident.
Employments	Monrovia Nursery - while in high school, R. A. Rowan Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California Subsequent employment was as topless dancer. South Forty Inglewood, California April 1966, worked one night Plaid Rabbit Norwalk, California March 1966 to August 1966 Cherry Patch Los Angeles and Wilmington, California August 1966 to October 1966 The Mouse Trap October 1966 to February 1967 Satin Doll February 1967 to April 20, 1968

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MARTIN EDWARD VILLARE, 5545 Carlton Way, apartment 202, Hollywood, was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

MARTIN EDWARD VILLARE, advised that he did not know CHARLES J. STEIN, CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, also known as Marie Deninno or a girl by the name of JERI. VILLARE advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT nor did he recognize a photo of RAY as an associate of his.

VILLARE stated he did know a HELEN that had worked at a bar with MELODY O'BRIEN about one year ago. He advised that HELEN was a topless "Go-Go" dancer, who he described as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	20
Height	5'3"
Hair	Brunette
Build	Well proportioned and attractive

VILLARE stated that he had seen a picture of HELEN in a "Nudie" magazine. VILLARE did not know HELEN's last name.

VILLARE advised that he did not know why MELODY O'BRIEN and his phone number was written in the phone booth at the St. Francis Hotel. VILLARE advised that the only person he had known who ever resided at the hotel was DOUG EMBRY. VILLARE advised that EMBRY had come from Ohio about two weeks ago and had stayed at the St. Francis Hotel till he moved to downtown Los Angeles.

VILLARE advised that he had received some phone calls from an unknown male, beginning about the first of December 1967, and continuing until mid January 1968. He

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advised that the caller would ask for MELODY and try to get her to meet him. VILLAIRES advised that the calls were received about 2 a.m. and were so frequent that he contacted the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. VILLAIRES advised that the calls ceased before anything was done to identify the caller.

VILLAIRES advised he had been in California for about two and one-half years and had resided in his current address with MELODY O'BRIEN for about two years. VILLAIRES advised that he was an actor but had not yet been employed.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	MARTIN EDWARD VILLAIRES
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Detroit, Michigan
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	155-160 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars of Marks	None observed
Parents	FRANCIS VILLAIRES YVONNE RAYMOND VILLAIRES
Occupation	Actor
Employer	None
Military Service	None
Education	High School St. Mary of Redford Detroit, Michigan
Driver's License	California SO 82793

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LETTER SENT  
TO PATRICIA SCHUBERT THROUGH "THE  
LOCAL SWINGER" AND ADVERTISEMENT PLACED  
IN THE "LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS" BY ERIC S.  
GALT

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94101

IN REPLY REFER TO

April 30, 1968

Mr. Wesley G. Grapp  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 West 6th St.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90017

Dear Mr. Grapp:

As of interest in connection with the investigation of ERIC S. GALT, I am attaching the following documents from our investigative file on "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, Calif. 90242:

- (a) Copy of typewritten letter dated February 17, 1968, signed "Eric S. Galt" and directed via "The Local Swinger" to one Patricia K. Anderson, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles.
- (b) Copy of Polaroid photograph of a subject purporting to be Eric S. Galt which was transmitted with the original of the letter cited in (a).

The letter and photograph were furnished to this Service by Patricia K. Anderson, who considered the letter objectionable, for our use in investigating "The Local Swinger" as a suspected medium through which obscene materials are transmitted and exchanged.

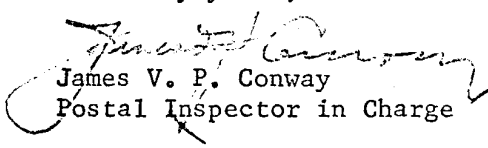
The address shown on (a) is the address of the St. Francis Hotel, which has been mentioned in press releases concerning Eric S. Galt. The telephone number shown on (a) is the desk telephone of the St. Francis Hotel. The Polaroid code number on the reverse of the photograph, of which (b) is a copy, indicates that the film was manufactured in August 1967.

Post Office Box 3802, Downey, was rented on January 31, 1968, by James O'Dowd, who supplied the business address 8115 East Imperial Highway and the telephone number 861-1926.

Our investigation of "The Local Swinger" is assigned to Inspector L. O. Poindexter, of our Los Angeles office, and it will be satisfactory to consult with him directly should any additional information concerning the enclosures be desired. Inspector Poindexter can be reached at 688-2161.

Sincerely yours,

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James V. P. Conway  
Postal Inspector in Charge

2-17-68

DEAR MISS:

I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER  
SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST<sup>of</sup> YOUR INTEREST, WITH  
EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS.  
I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS.  
AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE  
SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING.  
THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK.  
WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

5-11-1701 B. 36 YRS.

*Eric S. Galt*

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ERIC S. GALT

5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

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PH. 464 1131.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 4, 1968

ANN L. MEYERS, 8115 East Imperial Highway, Downey, California, co-owner of The Local Swinger, along with JAMES E. O'DOWD, advised that the two began the operation in February 1968 for the purpose of mailing list of local swingers to those who desired such a list. She stated that they placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1.00. In addition it was understood that for each letter sent to The Local Swinger, the sender would have to pay \$1.00.

MEYERS stated that about the middle of February 1968 they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, and also a dollar, and a request for a list of swingers. Shortly after they received what she believed were five letters being sent to five individuals who coded names appeared in their list. MEYERS stated that no record was kept of those who received these letters. She did recall that one PATRICIA SCHUBERT was the recipient of one such letter, but she did not know the other four. The \$5.00 for the five letters was in cash.

MEYERS viewed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that she had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

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JAMES E. O'DOWD, 8115 East Imperial Highway, Downey, California, one of the co-owners of The Local Swinger, a correspondence club, stated that this club used Postoffice Box 3802, Downey, California for receipt of their mail.

O'DOWD stated that in about February 1968 he and ANN L. MEYERS started The Local Swinger by inserting an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who sent in the amount of \$1.00. About the middle of February they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, along with \$1.00, asking for the list. Shortly thereafter they received five letters, along with \$5.00, these letters to be sent to individuals whose coded names appeared in The Local Swinger list. O'DOWD explained that each time a letter is sent on to another individual they charge \$1.00, and in this case he believed that five letters were sent. O'DOWD stated that they kept no records of the individuals who were to receive these letters, but he did recall that one was sent to PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and the other four to four other unknown individuals.

O'DOWD viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that he had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

O'DOWD reviewed his records and stated that he did not keep the note requesting that a list of swingers be sent to ERIC S. GALT, and he had no idea who GALT had contacted.

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Date May 4, 1968

PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that she first became aware of "The Local Swinger" when she received a letter dated February 17, 1968 from ERIC S. GALT which she considered obscene in content. She immediately turned this over to the Postoffice, as well as two others which she received from other persons.

PATRICIA ANDERSON stated that all communications to her came in her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT. She believes that her name might have been bought from a mailing list as she subscribes to magazines using this name. She has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger", has never written to pen pal clubs, or subscribed to "Los Angeles Free Press".

MRS. ANDERSON viewed a group of pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, but she stated that she never saw the man, nor did she ever try to communicate with GALT despite the fact that she received his phone number and address on the letter sent to her by GALT.

PATRICIA KATHLEEN ANDERSON stated that she was a secretary in the Claims Department, U.S. Fidelity & Casualty Company, Los Angeles, California, and resides with her aged mother and ill 54 year old brother at the residence. At the present time she is separated from her husband, LEE T. ANDERSON, 7942 East Hayne Place, Tuscon, Arizona.

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In connection with the investigation of "The Local Swinger", Post Office Box 3802, Downey, California, a correspondence club, JAMES E. O'DOWD and ANN L. MEYERS, sponsors of the club advised on May 2, 1968 that they recall having sent a list of local swingers to ERIC S. GALT in February, 1968. They advised they had taken many of these names from the "Los Angeles Free Press", an avant garde newspaper. O'DOWD and MEYERS stated it has been their experience that many of these addresses are not accurate and some persons either send inaccurate addresses or send addresses of other individuals as a joke.

The following persons, identities supplied by O'DOWD and MEYERS, were contacted in an effort to determine if they had received any correspondence from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. None of the following listed individuals recalled having received mail or contact through any media from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. They all advised that he is unknown to them:

EVELYN RODRIGUEZ  
1649 South Berendo Street  
Los Angeles, California

SELMA MAHOOD  
255 North Cordova Street  
Burbank, California

PAUL LEVY  
1400 Purdue Street  
West Los Angeles, California

ROXANNE KENNERLY  
Apartment 9,  
213 North Alexandria Street  
Los Angeles, California

DOROTHY MEACHAM  
Manager, Carolina Hollywood Motel  
1520 North La Brea Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

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BETTY WISHARD  
BARBARA SNELL  
1625 North Martel Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

AUGUSTA L. CADE  
1429 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Cloverdale Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

MARIA G. URIADO  
820 North Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

LINDA WAPATO  
Apartment 2  
4259 Verdugo Road  
Los Angeles, California

BETTY KRAKER  
1336 North Edgemont Street  
Los Angeles, California

Mrs. MICHAEL VAN TEFFLIN  
15050 Parthenia Street  
Sepulveda, California

BRYAN GRANT, also known as  
Bryan Pearson  
13469 Rand Drive  
Sherman Oaks, California

MARIA MONTES  
11954 East 168th Street  
Artesia, California

HAROLD L. CONRAD  
7901 Hesperia Street  
Canoga Park, California

SANDY TERRY  
2543 West 225th Place  
Torrance, California

MELODY MC CARTHY  
420 Irving Street  
Glendale, California

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NETTIE COHEN  
15729 Eucalyptus Avenue  
Apartment 3  
Bellflower, California

SHARON NORBERG, nee Mitchell  
32548 Crescent Avenue  
Elsinore, California

CAROLYN BROOKS  
1200 North Orange Grove Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

MARY GALVAN  
818 Oak Street  
Duarte, California

Mrs. HAROLD YAZELL, nee Pablita L. Scott  
304 South Oakland Avenue  
Pasadena, California

Mrs. J. YOUNG, also known as Ann,  
Mrs. Brown, Liz Wood  
3711 Mc Clintock Street  
Los Angeles, California

ROBERT LEE HOFFMAN  
229 South Ardmore Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

CHARLES ANDERSON  
6402 Haas Avenue  
Los Angeles, California



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/3/68

GENE TURNER, Accountant, employed by the Los Angeles "Free Press" at 938 North Fairfax, was interviewed at that address. He stated that the records of the "Free Press" indicate that a want ad was received in the "Free Press" office on January 30, 1968, from an individual identifying himself as ERIC S. GALT. Accompanying this advertisement was the sum of \$4.25. The records do not indicate in what form this money was received. The advertisement was made available by TURNER. It is typewritten, using red type in capital letters. It reads as follows:

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write ERIC S. 406 So. 2nd St. Alhambra, 91802."

Also in red typing below the above advertisement was a notation as follows:

"Return name and address, ERIC S. GALT. Same as above. Inclosed is M. O. for \$4.25, Run ad under 31 unit system. Thanks."

TURNER stated that this advertisement ran in the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press." He stated that the address listed in the advertisement of 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is an address of a mail forwarding service which is used quite frequently by persons placing advertisements in the "Free Press." TURNER made available copies of the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press."

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Mr. C. M. HEDGPETH, 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, advised on April 14, 1968 that ERIC GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, subscribed to his Mail Forwarding Service from February 1, 1968 to March 1, 1968 and paid \$3.00 in cash for this service. GALT requested mail received for him through HEDGPETH be forwarded to him at the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. HEDGPETH stated he had no record showing GALT ever having utilized this service.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN THE  
VICINITY OF THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
5533 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation, in addition to that previously reported in this report, was conducted in the vicinity of the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, in an effort to determine information regarding the associates of JAMES EARL RAY and his present whereabouts.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/29/68

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked if there was a male Caucasian fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, in room 507. THOMPSON advised that there was no male occupant in that room. He said that this room has been occupied for several years, at least ten, by NAOMI MILNE, who is a Caucasian female employed as a nurse.

He said that this woman is allegedly from Australia. He said that she has few visitors.. She stated that he is well aware of the appearance of RAY, also known as Galt, and would notice him if he came into the hotel. He stated that no individual appearing like RAY has come into the hotel since RAY's departure on March 17, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/30/68

JAMES E. MORRISON, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at 1911 Grace Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he advised this individual is identical with a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Bar. He said that he recalled this individual because of his frequency as a customer at the bar. MORRISON stated that he became engaged in a political discussion with RAY concerning ROBERT F. KENNEDY and GEORGE WALLACE. He said that RAY became rather incensed and vehemently supported WALLACE. On one other occasion, MORRISON said that RAY had a discussion with a frequent female customer of the bar whose name was PAT GOODSSELL. This discussion concerned Negroes and civil rights movement. MORRISON said that RAY became very involved in the argument and began dragging her towards the door saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". MORRISON said that another customer who knew the girl, separated them. MORRISON said that subsequent to this event GOODSSELL died through an overdose of some type of medicine. He said that she formerly resided at the Carlton Towers, an apartment complex, in the neighborhood. He described her as:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	Approximately 27

MORRISON said that RAY habitually drank vodka or screwdrivers. He said that he was a very quiet customer and it was unusual for him to become involved in an argument. MORRISON said that he believes he used the name "DOUG" while at the bar.

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1Date 4/30/68

BO DEL MONTE, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that his home address is 1229 North Bronson, Los Angeles, California. He advised after observing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that RAY was identical to a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Club, from approximately January until the middle of March 1968. He described RAY as wearing usually a dark suit, with a bow tie. He said that his appearance was that of a rural person from Alabama, who has just recently come to the "big city". He said that RAY wore his crew cut to long, or he was allowing his hair to grow.

DEL MONTE recalled the incident in which RAY became involved in a heated discussion with a Caucasian female and began dragging her towards the door of the bar saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". DEL MONTE recalled that shortly after this incident a Negro patron of the Rabbit's Foot Club, and his date, were struck on the head by a rock or brick while in a nearby parking lot.

DEL MONTE acknowledge that RAY often spoke support for Governor WALLACE.

DEL MONTE said that RAY drank vodka straight or in screwdrivers. DEL MONTE said that RAY purchased a key for the key club, which is operated by the Rabbit's Foot Club. He stated that he believes RAY gave him the name "DOUG COLLINS", when he purchased his key. DEL MONTE said that the writing of this name was by himself, and RAY furnished no other information as to residence.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/16/681

DONALD M. MURPHY, 1729 Huntley Drive, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at "The Frolic Room", a cocktail lounge, owned and operated by him. He advised that he also owned both "Pampered Pup" walk-up eating stands located on North Western Avenue and Vine Street, Los Angeles, California, respectively. He advised that he leased this operation to CECIL PAYNE. He advised that this leasing operation is not a formalized agreement.

MURPHY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that the individual portrayed is identical to a caucasian male that frequented the "Rabbit's Foot" bar and the "Sultan Room" at the St. Francis Hotel, a few months ago. MURPHY advised that he also saw this same individual at the "Pampered Pup" located at 1715 North Western Avenue. MURPHY said that he may have conversed with this individual on occasion during casual "bar chatter". He advised that if he did, he does not recall the nature of the conversation. MURPHY stated he does not recall the individual's name or any of his associates. He said that usually this individual was alone.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/15/68

GAYLE DRUM, occupant, room 401, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the individual portrayed is identical to a former occupant of the St. Francis Hotel. She stated that she collided with this individual a few months ago, when delivering a plate of biscuits to FLORENCE THOMPSON, who resides in room 424. She said that this individual appeared very concerned that he had injured her. DRUM said that she has no other knowledge of this individual or of his associates.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/68

ALAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, advised that HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, aka Woody, is known to him as a painter, who lived at the hotel for approximately one year. He advised that LUNSFORD worked intermittently at the St. Francis Hotel. THOMPSON said that LUNSFORD drinks alcoholic beverages excessively and frequently. He said in his opinion LUNSFORD has difficulty in recalling past events accurately. He advised "if LUNSFORD wasn't in a mental fog from turpentine fumes, he was from drinking". He said that LUNSFORD is sickly with a chronic stomach illness.

THOMPSON said the assistant manager at the St. Francis, who was fired in December, 1967, is, in fact, MARTIN GETZ. He advised that GETZ was hired by the hotel management on a temporary basis to administer the hotel operation during the absence of THOMPSON who was going to Oakland, California. He stated that GETZ's employment was terminated because of the return of THOMPSON to the St. Francis.

DAVID (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as DAVID P. BAILEY, Social Security Number [redacted] who formerly lived at 508 West Vines, Stowe, Pennsylvania and who provided a forwarding address as c/o R. N. BECK, 22 Belden Place, San Francisco, California, 94104. THOMPSON said that he does not recall the reason for the termination of BAILEY's employment at the St. Francis Hotel. BOB (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as being BOB EVANS. THOMPSON advised that EVANS resided at the hotel on an intermittent basis for approximately two years. He said that EVANS lived at the hotel during the time of LUNSFORD's residence but not during the time period of the residence of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt.

The individual described by LUNSFORD as "a crippled old man who has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years", could not be determined, in fact, by THOMPSON. He said there

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are several elderly males residing at the hotel who are incapacitated for some reason or other. He advised that the individual best fitting this description is MURRY ROSENMAN. THOMPSON said ROSENMAN utilizes a cane and has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years. He advised that any association between ROSENMAN and JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, is unlikely.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/15/68

ALAN O. THOMPSON, manager, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that in his opinion, JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, frequently, perhaps generally, cooked his meals in his room at the St. Francis Hotel. He stated that this opinion is based upon the amount of food and the type of food left in the refrigerator at RAY's room in the St. Francis upon his departure and the residue left in and on the stove in his room.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/15/681

FLORENCE THOMPSON, occupant, Room 424, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, she said that the individual portrayed was identical to a recent occupant of Room 403. She said that the photograph that she liked best was the one in which he was wearing sun glasses. She advised that the occupant of Room 403, ERIC GALT, habitually wore sun glasses. She also said that he was a neat dresser and normally wore dark suits.

THOMPSON said that she remembered JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric S. Galt, in that he always slammed the door to his room when entering or leaving. She said that she reported this to the desk of the St. Francis Hotel on one occasion. Because of his habit of slamming the door, she said she knew of his arrival and departure. She said he left the room about 7:30 AM and returned about 5:00 PM. She said because of this regularity, she believed him to be employed, but did not know of any specific employment.

THOMPSON said that she saw RAY with no male or female associates. She advised that she knew of him having no unusual habits. She remarked that must have eaten within his room, because of the frequency in which he carried groceries.

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Mrs. ALVIN ROWE, occupant, room 405, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual in the photographs is familiar to her, however she cannot identify the individual or associate him with any set of events. She said she cannot relate him to any former or present tenants of the St. Francis Hotel.

ROWE advised that Mrs. FRANK VALDEZ is her daughter and that they occupy the same room at the St. Francis Hotel.

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Date 5/16/681

JOHN DOUS, owner and operator of "Angeleno's", a cocktail lounge located at 1657 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he knew HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, also known as "Woody". He said that "Woody" was employed by him to paint during a recent remodeling of the cocktail lounge. DOUS said that ANN SCHELL is a female associate and is in no way involved in the ownership of "Angeleno's" as stated by LUNSFORD. He said that the reason SCHELL is a frequent customer at the bar, is that she is a friend.

DOUS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said that this individual is not familiar to him. DOUS was asked if the names "Ginger Nance," "Ginger Day," and/or "Anita Katzwinkel," were familiar to him concerning female "hustlers" in the Hollywood and Western vicinity. He said that they were not.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/30/68

LOUISE LARSON, Manager, Larson Book Store, 5534 Hollywood Boulevard, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, she said that she is absolutely sure that this individual was in her book store within the past few months. She stated that she could not recall the specific date nor the individual's name. She said that he was just a customer that came into the book store and browsed about.

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1Date 5/7/68

VINCE SCADURO, 4046 Skyline Drive, Thousand Oaks, owner, Vince's Bar, 5140 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, furnished the following information:

Vince's Bar has been in continuous operation since November 1967. SCADURO owns and operates the bar and has been in the bar every day that it has been open since November 1967.

No one using the name ERIC GALT has been in the bar to SCADURO's knowledge. SCADURO could not identify a photo of JAMES EARL RAY as a person who had been in his bar at any time in the past.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/14/68

THOMAS A. CARR, Room 416, St. Francis Hotel, 5530 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California stated that he was the night shift desk clerk. He said that his hours were from 3:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. CARR was shown two artists conceptions of ERIC S. GALT, and he advised the individual as portrayed in the sketches was unfamiliar to him. He said that the name ERIC GALT is unfamiliar to him. He advised that he was employed at the hotel during the period January 21, 1968 through March 17, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/29/68

NORMAN COX, tenant, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. COX stated that this individual is familiar in appearance to him and that he is well aware of his involvement in the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination. He said; however, that he did not know RAY while he was a tenant in the St. Francis Hotel. He stated he has no information as to the present location of RAY.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MURRY ROSENMAN, resident at the St. Francis Hotel, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt. He advised that the individual in the photographs is not familiar to him. He said the names ERIC STARVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY are not familiar to him as being persons of whom he has knowledge. He said that he does not have knowledge of any past residents of room 403.

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1Date 5/15/68

LEONA BLAIR, occupant, room 402, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual is not familiar to her.

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Mrs. FRANK VALDEZ, occupant, room 405, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual in the photographs is familiar to her, however she cannot identify the individual or associate him with any set of events. She said that she cannot relate him to any former or present tenants of the St. Francis Hotel.

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CHARLES SALCEDO, occupant, room 425, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he saw the individual in the photograph at the Sultan Room of the St. Francis Hotel on several occasions. He said that he did not know the name of this individual or knew of any of his associates. SALCEDO said that he never talked to this individual, nor did he know him as being a tenant of room 403, St. Francis Hotel.

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INVESTIGATION AT 1535 NORTH SERRANO  
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHERE  
RAY RESIDED NOVEMBER, 1967 TO JANUARY, 1968

Investigation at Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531  
Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, on April 11, 1968 revealed  
that RAY had furnished an address of 1535 North Serrano, Los  
Angeles, when he had his car serviced.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/17/68

DIANE M. DI GENOVA was interviewed in regards to any information she might possess concerning ERIC GALT. She stated that she resides alone at Apartment 16, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California and has lived there for more than a year. She stated she could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. She stated that she could not recognize this individual. She stated she had no information concerning the resident of Apartment 6.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/17/68

GEORGE E. SNELLING was interviewed at Room 210, 1150 South Olive, Los Angeles, California. He stated he resides along with his wife in Apartment 9, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He stated he could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. He stated that he could not recognize this individual. He stated he had no information concerning the resident of apartment 6.

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ELSIE SNELLING was interviewed in Apartment 9, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California where she resides with her husband. She stated she could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. She stated that she could not recognize this individual. She stated she had no information concerning the resident of Apartment 6.

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